

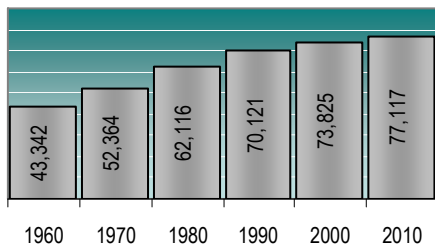
Cheshire County

Cheshire County, one of the five original counties, occupies the southwest corner of the state. It is separated from Vermont by a 41-mile length of the Connecticut River, and borders Massachusetts along a 27-mile straight line to the south. Established in 1769, the county was named for Cheshire County in England. Cheshire is New Hampshire's median county. It ranks sixth among the ten counties in total area, land area, water area, population, and population density. Cheshire County is the location of Mount Monadnock, one of the most-hiked peaks in the world.

Cheshire County contains 707.0 square miles of land area and 22.4 square miles of inland water area. Based on the 2010 Census population, the population density is 109.1 persons per square mile. Cheshire County includes one city, Keene, and 22 towns. The county seat is Keene.



Population Trends: Cheshire County's population for 2010 was slightly under twice the 1950 population. Over the last five



decennial periods, Cheshire County has experienced population growth below the state average rate, with no significant growth spurts. Cheshire's population has ranked sixth among New Hampshire's counties for six decades. The highest rate of increase was from 1960 to 1970, when the population grew by 20.8 percent. The county had its smallest population increase from 2000 to 2010, growing by 4.5 percent. While Cheshire County is similar in land area to Rockingham County, it is far less densely populated.

Population		(US Census Bureau)			
	2010	2000	1990	1980	1970
	77,117	73,825	70,121	62,116	52,364

Demographics			(US Census Bureau)	
By Gender:		Male	Female	
Total		37,601	39,516	
18 years and over		29,903	32,102	
65 years and over		5,084	6,258	
Median Age (years)		39.9	41.4	

By Age Group	Under age 5	3,709
	Age 5 to 19	14,988
	Age 20 to 34	14,951
	Age 35 to 54	11,342
	Age 55 to 64	10,863
	Age 65 and over	11,342
	Median Age (years)	40.7

Labor Force		(NHES-ELMI)	
	Annual Average	2000	2010
Civilian Labor Force		40,280	41,140
Employed		39,210	38,680
Unemployed		1,070	2,460
Unemployment Rate		2.7%	6.0%

2010 Annual Average Unemployment Rate by Town

Alstead	5.3%	Richmond	4.9%
Chesterfield	4.9%	Rindge	7.0%
Dublin	5.8%	Roxbury	4.1%
Fitzwilliam	6.0%	Stoddard	5.2%
Gilsum	7.9%	Sullivan	6.3%
Harrisville	3.9%	Surry	4.9%
Hinsdale	7.5%	Swanzey	6.0%
Jaffrey	7.1%	Troy	6.3%
Keene	5.1%	Walpole	5.8%
Marlborough	4.7%	Westmoreland	4.2%
Marlow	5.3%	Winchester	7.3%
Nelson	4.2%		

Economic & Labor Market Information Bureau, NH Employment Security, 2012

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Largest Businesses	Community	Product/Service	Employees
Cheshire Medical Center/Dartmouth Hitchcock Clinic-Keene	Keene	Health care services	1,028
Keene State College	Keene	Education	960
C & S Wholesale Grocers	Keene	Wholesale foods	850
Keene School District	Keene	Education	717
Millpore Corporation	Jaffrey	Industrial filters	600
Smith Industrial Medical Systems	Keene	Hospital supplies	600
Liberty Mutual/Peerless Insurance Company	Keene	Insurance services	501
Imaje Corporation	Keene	Industrial marking equipment	450
TimKen Super Precision	Keene	Mini & precision bearings	423
Monadnock Regional School District	Swanzey	Education	410 FT/336 PT
TFX Medical, Inc.	Jaffrey	Medical tubing	400
National Grange Mutual Insurance	Keene	Insurance services	371
United Natural Foods	Chesterfield	Food warehouse	300+/-
Franklin Pierce University (Rindge campus)	Rindge	Education	300
Market Basket	Rindge	Supermarket	275
Jaffrey-Ringe School District	Jaffrey	Education	250
Wal-Mart	Hinsdale	Retail store	230
Plum Pak	Winchester	Packaging, manufacturing	215-240
Maplewood Nursing Home	Westmoreland	Nursing Home	200
Fenton Family Dealerships	Swanzey	Automobile dealership	130 FT/34 PT
Hannaford Brothers	Rindge	Supermarket	114
Whitney Blake	Walpole	Coiled cords	105
Mountain Industries	Marlborough	Silk screen products	100
Belletetes	Jaffrey	Hardware store	89
Shaw's Supermarket	Walpole	Supermarket	88
Frank W. Whitcomb	Walpole	Sand, gravel, hot mix	85
Good Shepherd Nursing Home	Jaffrey	Elder care services	85
Janos Technologies	Keene	Precision infrared optics	78
DD Bean & Sons	Jaffrey	Paperbook matches	75
Harborside Applewood	Winchester	Nursing home	72

Note: All employer information, including number of employees, was provided by the individual communities.

Covered Employment & Wages		(NHES-ELMI)	
Annual Average Covered Employment	2000	2010	
Goods Producing Industries			
Average Employment	7,908	6,300	
Average Weekly Wage	\$722	\$901	
Service Providing Industries			
Average Employment	19,790	20,286	
Average Weekly Wage	\$490	\$711	
Total Private Industry			
Average Employment	27,698	26,585	
Average Weekly Wage	\$556	\$756	
Government (Federal, State, and Local)			
Average Employment	4,472	4,942	
Average Weekly Wage	\$491	\$745	
Total, Private Industry plus Government			
Average Employment	32,169	31,527	
Average Weekly Wage	\$547	\$754	

Income		(2008-2010 3-Year Average, ACS)	
Per Capita Income		\$26,083	
Median Family Income		\$67,384	
Median Household Income		\$52,644	
Median Earnings (Full-Time Year-Round)	Male	\$46,312	
	Female	\$35,104	
Families below poverty level		6.0%	

Commuting to Work		(2008-2010 3-Year Average, ACS)	
Workers, 16 years and over			39,455
Car, truck or van: drove alone			30,132
Car, truck or van: carpooled			3,368
Public transportation (excluding taxi)			101
Walked			2,739
Other means			404
Worked at home			2,711
Mean travel time to work (minutes)			21.2
Percent of working residents:			
Working in county of residence			75.8%
Commuting to some other NH county			9.3%
Commuting out-of-state/country			14.9%

Transportation			
Road Access	US Routes	202	
	State Routes	9; 9A; 10; 12; 12A; 32; 63; 78; 101; 119; 123; 123A; 137	
Nearest Interstates	Everett Tpk., Exits 7- 8; I-91 (MA), Exit 28; I-91 (VT), Exits 1, 2, 3, 5, 6		
Nearest Airports with Scheduled Service	Passenger Airlines		
Manchester-Boston Regional		8	
Lebanon Municipal		1	

Educational Attainment (2008-2010 3-Year Average, ACS)	
Population, Age 25 and Over	51,253
Less than 9th grade	1,419
9th to 12th grade, no diploma	3,359
High school graduate (includes equivalency)	17,410
Some college, no degree	10,037
Associate's degree	3,950
Bachelor's degree	9,702
Graduate or professional degree	5,376

Percent high school graduates or higher	90.7%
Percent bachelor's degree or higher	29.4%

Educational and Child Care Facilities

School Districts:

▪ Chesterfield (Grades K-8)	▪ Fall Mountain Regional –
▪ Harrisville (Grades K-6)	Alstead, Walpole
▪ Hinsdale (Grades K-12)	(Grades K-12)
▪ Keene (Grades K-12)	▪ Jaffrey-Rindge Coop – Jaffrey,
▪ Marlborough (Grades K-8)	Rindge (Grades K-12)
▪ Marlow (Grades K-6)	▪ Monadnock Regional Coop –
▪ Nelson (Grades K-6)	Fitzwilliam, Gilsum,
▪ Stoddard (Grades K-5)	Richmond, Roxbury,
▪ Surry (Grades K-8)	Sullivan, Surry, Swanzey,
▪ Westmoreland (Grades K-8)	Troy (Grades K-12)
▪ Winchester (Grades K-8)	
▪ Contoocook Valley Coop–	
Dublin (Grades K-12)	

Career Technology Centers:

The Cheshire Career Center (Keene)
 Fall Mountain Regional High School (Alstead)
 Region 14 Applied Technology Center (Peterborough)

Nearest Community College: River Valley, Claremont; Nashua

Nearest Colleges/Universities:

Antioch University New England (Keene)
 Franklin Pierce University (Rindge)
 Keene State

NH Licensed Child Care Facilities, 2011

(NH Bureau of Child Care Licensing)

Total Facilities: 55 Total Capacity: 1,692

Nearest Hospitals (NH Hospital Assoc.)	Staffed Beds
Cheshire Medical Center, Keene	140
Monadnock Community, Peterborough	25
Valley Regional, Claremont	25
Brattleboro Memorial, Brattleboro VT	61
Heywood Hospital, Gardner MA	153

Housing (2008-2010 3-Year Average, ACS)	
Total Housing Units	34,682
Single-Family Units, Detached or Attached	24,188
Units in Multiple-Family Structures:	
Two to Four Units in Structure	3,963
Five or More Units in structure	4,288
Mobile Homes and Other Housing Units	2,243

Northern New England Real Estate Network Statistics*

YTD 2011 Median Sale Price, Residential \$155,000

NHHFA Residential Rental Cost Survey**

2011 Median Monthly Gross Rent, 2 Bedroom \$1,036

Property Tax Rates, 2010 (NH Dept. of Revenue Admin.)			
Town	Total Tax Rate/\$1000	Equalization Ratio	Full Value Rate/\$1000
Alstead	\$23.08	112.3	\$25.84
Chesterfield	\$17.00	100.0	\$16.92
Dublin	\$21.40	100.0	\$21.39
Fitzwilliam	\$23.74	111.3	\$26.87
Gilsum	\$25.95	100.0	\$26.05
Harrisville	\$14.25	100.0	\$14.28
Hinsdale	\$23.84	107.1	\$24.80
Jaffrey	\$26.95	100.0	\$26.79
Keene	\$30.17	100.0	\$30.31
Marlborough	\$23.17	110.2	\$25.53
Marlow	\$22.46	98.3	\$21.83
Nelson	\$19.11	100.0	\$19.09
Richmond	\$24.76	100.0	\$25.24
Rindge	\$23.52	100.0	\$23.06
Roxbury	\$23.11	101.0	\$20.50
Stoddard	\$12.80	100.0	\$12.89
Sullivan	\$25.53	100.0	\$25.46
Surry	\$15.85	100.0	\$14.86
Swanzey	\$24.48	100.0	\$24.39
Troy	\$26.75	100.0	\$28.29
Walpole	\$19.26	108.0	\$20.74
Westmoreland	\$17.05	111.4	\$19.11
Winchester	\$25.93	100.0	\$26.26

2010 Percent of Local Assessed Valuation by Property Type, County Total

Residential Land and Buildings	80.7%
Commercial Land and Buildings	15.0%
Public Utilities, Current Use, and Other	4.3%

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** **Source:** 2011 Residential Rental Cost Survey, New Hampshire Housing Finance Authority. Copyright NHHFA 2011. <www.nhhfa.org>

Contacts	Address	ZIP	Phone/Fax*	E-Mail/Web	Office Hours
Alstead Board of Selectmen	PO Box 60 Alstead NH	03602	P: 835-2986 F: 835-2178	townofalstead@comcast.net www.alsteadnh.org	M-W 8-4, Th 8-5:45, closed Friday
Town of Chesterfield	PO Box 175 Chesterfield NH	03443	P: 363-4624 F: 363-8047	admin@nhchesterfield.com www.nhchesterfield.com	Selectmen, Town Hall, Assessors: M-Th 8-4; Town Clerk: MTh 9-1 & 5-8, W 9-1, last Sat 9-1; Tax Collector: MTh 4-7
Dublin Board of Selectmen	PO Box 277 Dublin NH	03444	P: 563-8544 F: 563-9221	townadministrator@townofdublin.org www.townofdublin.org	M-Th 9-4
Town of Fitzwilliam	PO Box 725 Fitzwilliam NH	03447	P: 585-7770 F: 585-7744	fitzwilliamnh@wivalley.net www.fitzwilliam-nh.gov	MF 8:30-12:30, TTh 1-5, W 6-8
Town of Gilsum	650 Route 10, PO Box 67 Gilsum NH	03448	P: 357-0320 F: 352-0845	not available www.keenenh.com/gilsum	Town Clerk: T 6-8, W 8-12; Tax Collector: Th 8-12
Town of Harrisville	705 Chesham Road Harrisville NH	03450	P: 827-3431 F: 827-2917	selectmen@harrisvillenh.org http://harrisvillenh.org	Admin. Asst.: M-Th 9-3, F 9-12; Town Clerk: T 2-7, W 3-6:30, Th 8-11:30; Tax Collector: W 10-12, Th 6-8, Sat 10-12
Town of Hinsdale	11 Main St., PO Box 13 Hinsdale NH	03451	P: 336-5710 F: 336-5711	hinsdale.nh@myfairpoint.net www.town.hinsdale.nh.us	Selectmen: M-Th 7:30-12 & 12:30-4
Jaffrey Board of Selectmen	10 Goodnow Street Jaffrey NH	03452	P: 532-7880 F: 532-7862	townmanager@town.jaffrey.nh.us http://town.jaffrey.nh.us	M-F 8:30-5; Town Clerk/Tax Collector: MTW 8:30-5, Th 12-7, F 8:30-12
City of Keene	3 Washington Street Keene NH	03431 -3191	P: 357-9804 F: 357-9847	infodesk@ci.keene.nh.us www.ci.keene.nh.us	M-F 8-5
Marlborough Board of Selectmen	PO Box 487 Marlborough NH	03455 -0487	P: 876-3751 F: 876-3313	selectmen@marlboroughnh.org www.marlboroughnh.org	M 9-4:30 & 7-9, TTh 9-4:30, W 9-12, F 9-2
Town of Marlow	167 NH Route 123, Town Office Marlow NH	03456 -0184	P: 446-2245 F: 446-3806	marlowtownoffice@myfairpoint.net www.marlownewhampshire.org	Selectmen: M 7-9; Town Office: MTThF 10-1 & 2-3:30; Town Clerk: W 4:30-7, Th 10-12:30; Tax Collector: T 5-7
Nelson Board of Selectmen	7 Nelson Common Road Nelson NH	03457	P: 847-0047 F: 847-3197	admin@townofnelson.com www.townofnelson.com	Selectmen: W 7-9; Admin. Asst., Town Clerk, Tax Collector: T 9-12, W 5-8, Th 9-12
Richmond Board of Selectmen	105 Old Homestead Hwy Richmond NH	03470	P: 239-4232 F: 239-9994	bhart818@gmail.com www.richmond.nh.gov	Selectmen: M 6-9; Secretary: W 8-12 & 1-5, Th 8-12 & 1-4; Town Clerk: M 9-12, 1-4 & 6-8, W 9-12 & 1-5, Th 9-12; Tax Collector: M 7-8, W 2-4
Rindge Board of Selectmen	30 Payson Hill Road Rindge NH	03461	P: 899-5181 F: 899-2101	info@town.rindge.nh.us www.town.rindge.nh.us	Selectmen: M-Th 9-4:30, F 9-1, meet every other W 6 pm; Town Clerk: M-Th 9-1 & 2-4, 2 nd & 4 th Th 9-1 & 2-6:30, F 9-1; Tax Collector: M-Th 9-1 & 2-4, F 9-1
Town of Roxbury	3 Middletown Road Roxbury NH	03431	P: 352-4903 F: 352-4903	townofroxburynh@myfairpoint.net www.keenenh.com/roxbury	M 7-9
Stoddard Board of Selectmen	1450 Route 123 North Stoddard NH	03464	P: 446-3326 F: 446-7770	stoddardtownhall@myfairpoint.net www.stoddardnh.org	Selectman: Mtg. M 1-7, WF 10:30-2:30; Town Clerk: TTh 9-2 & 4-6; Tax Collector: Th 1-3
Town of Sullivan	PO Box 110 Sullivan NH	03445	P: 847-3316 F: 847-9154	townofsullivan@myfairpoint.net www.ci.sullivan.nh.us	Selectmen: M 7:30 pm, T-Th 10-3; Town Clerk: TW 10-2, Th 10-2 & 6-8
Town of Surry	1 Village Road, Town Hall Surry NH	03431	P: 352-3075 F: 357-4890	selectmen@townofsurry.org www.townofsurry.org	Selectmen: M 7-9; Town Clerk: M 6-8, Th 5-7; Tax Collector: 1 st & 3 rd Th 5:30-7
Town of Swanzey	Town Hall, PO Box 10009 Swanzey NH	03446 -0009	P: 352-7411 F: 352-6250	efox@town.swanzey.nh.us www.town.swanzey.nh.us	M-F 9-5
Troy Industrial Devel. Authority	PO Box 249 Troy NH	03465	P: 242-7722 F: 242-3430	selectmen@town.troy.nh.us www.troy-nh.us/	Selectmen: M-Th 8-4; Town Clerk/Tax Collector: M-W 9-4:30, Th 1-7
Town of Walpole	PO Box 729 Walpole NH	03608	P: 756-3672 F: 756-9209	jclough@walpolenh.us www.walpolenh.us	Selectboard, Admin. Asst.: MTThF 8-4, closed Wed.; Town Clerk/Tax Collector: MTTh 7-4, W 7-8 & 3:30-7, closed Friday
Westmoreland Board of Selectmen	PO Box 55 Westmoreland NH	03467	P: 399-4471 F: 399-4386	townofwestmoreland@myfairpoint.net www.westmorelandnh.com	Selectmen: M 12-8, T-F 8-4; Town Clerk/Tax Collector: M 7:30-2 & 7-8:30, W 7:30-11 & 7-8:30
Town of Winchester	1 Richmond Road Winchester NH	03470	P: 239-4951 F: 239-4146	selectmen@winchester.nh.gov www.winchester-nh.gov	M-Th 7-5:30, closed Friday

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